

To FCC,

When large corporations break the law as in the Sinclair Broadcasting case, and our representative, (FCC), decides to ignore the law, our democracy is in grave danger! Much about our system isn't very democratic and we all know it. It's your duty to enforce the law for the people and not let broadcasters get away with this. I urge you to correct this situation. Our president may not support free speech but the rest of us need to. Hundreds of Thousands of Americans' will be sorely disappointed if you choose to allow Sinclair to force the broadcast of political material. The public won't let this drop. PLEASE pay attention.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you. Julie Hershner